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Please replace paragraph [0022] as follows:

Figures 7A-7F are diagrams showing Voronoi bisectors;

Please replace paragraph [0092] as follows:

[0092] A degeneracy is present when more than three bisectors converge at a single Voronoi vertex, as shown in Figure 7A. Modification to the layout may result in an emergence of one or more bisectors at this vertex, as shown in Figures 7B-7F. In other words, the invention decomposes these vertices into all possible scenarios that may result under layout modification, resulting in additional vertices and bisectors. Figures 7B-7F illustrates the different possibilities that can occur from Figure 7A under layout modification. Thus, for every subset of four edges in the design defining the Voronoi vertex, the invention applies the following decomposition.